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FOR THE FAMILY





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The Brookland Baptist Church is located at 1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169 and 1203 Summit Parkway, Columbia, SC 29229.

The mission of the Brookland Baptist Church is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through Evangelism, Education and Economic Empowerment.

Advancing Health Access Through Faith-Based Partnerships

The Brookland Foundation is excited to announce its new partnership with Choose Healthy Life and The Charity Foundation. As we embark upon a collaborative effort to support the health and well-being of our community, we will work to assist those who need help in understanding and accessing health insurance coverage. Choose Healthy Life, a New York-based nonprofit organization, focuses on providing the Black church with the necessary resources, training, and support to address health disparities in hard-to-reach communities. The Charity Foundation, based in North Charleston, has been working for years to cultivate a community of multi-generational and economically stable individuals and families. As we celebrate 30 years of The Brookland Foundation's existence, this partnership comes in perfect timing. We could not think of a better way to celebrate three decades of service and outreach than by launching this meaningful partnership and working to advance health equity throughout the state of South Carolina.

An estimated 469,000 South Carolinians are uninsured, ranking our state 12th among the states with the highest uninsured rates. In addition, African Americans are disproportionately impacted by the lack of coverage due to several factors including economic barriers, geographic location, employment status, and historical inequities in the healthcare system. The partnership between Choose Healthy Life, The Charity Foundation, and Brookland Foundation is a strong one because it leverages each organization's strengths to address health disparities, enhance community wellbeing, and improve health outcomes.

At Brookland Foundation, we understand that health insurance is more than just a financial instrument. It is also a bridge to preventive care, timely medical attention, and peace of mind. Health insurance enables us to take care of ourselves and our families, prepares us for some of life's challenges, and ensures that when we need affordable care, it is available to us. Having health insurance allows us to focus on what truly matters without the constant worry of unexpected medical expenses that may be incurred by us or our loved ones.

Our partnership with Choose Healthy Life, The Charity Foundation, and 8 South Carolina churches, brings a faith-centered approach to serving 15 counties across our state,

many of which include African American communities that remain underserved and uninsured. This transformative project, funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is potentially a five-year, 5.8-million-dollar initiative that presents us with a unique opportunity to make a significant difference. We now have the opportunity to:

- Help our communities live abundant lives
- Pave the way for a brighter future, where health and happiness are within everyone's reach
- Provide crucial assistance in open enrollment, enabling more people to access the health coverage they need

As a part of this initiative, we now have a federally certified Health Navigator here at Brookland who is available to assist residents throughout the Midlands. Our purpose is to help people navigate the entire process of securing affordable health insurance that fits their needs and budget. We are here to assist you in understanding and enrolling in coverage offered through the Health Insurance Marketplace (Healthcare.gov). We will provide free unbiased guidance on eligibility, plan selection, and post-enrollment support.

For enrollment assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to our Health Navigator by phone at 803.728.3358, or visit us online at brooklandfoundation.org for more information. To make this project a success, we invite everyone to join us in creating a healthier community by helping us spread the word with friends, family, and neighbors.

Thank you for "Moving Mountains for Community."

Sincerely,




Kristopher J. Jones
Development Director





CHOOSE
HEALTHY LIFE

IN THIS HOUSE WE BELIEVE IN HEALTH

AND THAT INCLUDES

HEALTH INSURANCE

Choose Healthy Life is excited to help you and your family live an abundant life through health insurance! Your church has its own skilled Health Navigator ready to guide you through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

4 in 5 consumers can find a Marketplace plan for \$10 or less per month with financial help.

CONTACT

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BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

HEALTH NAVIGATOR

803-728-3358

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TODAY**



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- BANQUET AND CONFERENCE CENTER



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TRINITY HEALTH & WELLNESS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BROOKLAND FOUNDATION

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HIV/AIDS

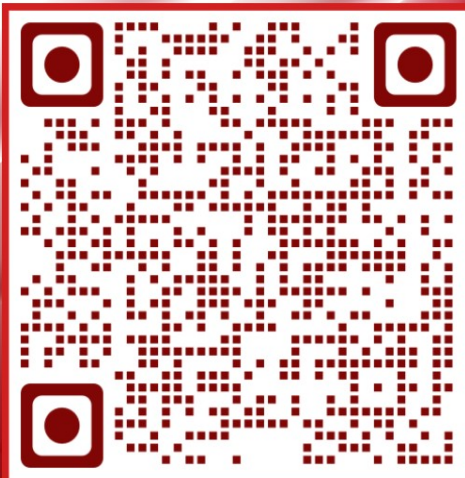
TRINITY EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER
2521 RICHLAND STREET COLUMBIA, SC 29204

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

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CONTINUE THE FIGHT UNTIL
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BROOKLAND
& TRINITY'S
PRAISE TEAMS**

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**SPEAKER:
DR. PERNESSA SEELE
FOUNDER & CEO
BALM IN GILEAD**



**THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS
& COLLABORATORS**

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED





From the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center
General Manager, Michael Session



New Buffet Pricing Effective 01/01/2025

Tuesday-Friday Lunch Café Prices:

Kids (0-3) Eat Free with paying adult

Children (4-12) \$8.99

Adults (12+) \$15.95

Seniors (10%) Discount off adult prices

Military, Firefighters, EMS, Police, and Teachers receive (10%) discount off adult prices

\$2.00 for all Beverages

Sunday Brunch Café Prices:

Kids (0-3) Eat Free with paying adult

Children (4-12) \$10.99

Adults (12+) \$20.95

Seniors (10%) discount off adult prices

Military, Firefighters, EMS, Police, and Teachers receive (10%) discount off adult prices.

\$2.00 for all Beverages

2 for \$24 Tuesday is now 2 for \$30.

Birthdays

Cathy D. Gordan
Michael L. Boone
Betty Martin
Jerard Hubbard
Mattie Holman-Garvin
Thomas A. Smith
Jamal Williams
Nancy Jeter
Quandre Butler
Edward Hargrave
Ollies Stivender
Quintina Orr
Daisy Stephens
Holly Pitts
Calvin Davis

1

Destiny Brice
Marcus Adams
Breyon McClerklin
Antoine Williams
Jeyna Roberts
Terri Bell
Samuel Thomas
Danny Robinson
Ross Davis
Albert Singleton
Tonia Wins
Cassandra Pope
Cecil Hannibal
Donna Mae Oliver
Tyrone D. Wallace, Jr.

Marcus Frazier
Nakia Stewart
Robert Busky
Juwan Richards
Ida Barboza
John Sells
Nikesia Brown
Madison Murphy
Denise McCray
Debra Hampton
Kimberly Williams
Sheila Brockington
James Green

2

Shenelle Bibbins
Curtis Cannon
Betty Reddick
Stella Graham
Terrence Palmer
Rodney Porter
L. Jamal Crawford
William Lewis
Wanda T. Greene
Danny Gibbs
Kandace Blake
Hope Gadsden
Harry Martin

Yonique Sumpter
Patricia Brumfield
April D. Belton
Darlene McKinley
Benita Brown
Deedra Wright
Felecia Hall
Eric Geter
Celess Squirewell
Robyn Minter
Brittany Thomas
Tameika Isaac Devine
Shameka Holloway
Malita Cook

5

Jeronamo Cone
Jazmine Cain
Martin Stringer
Nasir Mobley
Otisha Mickens
O'Neil Gilliam
Otisha Daniels
Tavaris Sims
Victor Davis
Natale Nelson
Erica Ruth
Tavaris Sims

Valerie Summers
Nina Washington
Diane Parrot- Davis
Donnie Weston
Theresa Weldon
Shirley Bates
Jocelyn Brown
Jennifer Chewning
Stanley Conner
Tyrell Davis
Timothy Gaskin, Jr.
Aniyah Hutto
Robyn Summers
Michelle Poindexter
Jacqueline Brown
Brittany Peacock
Glenda Robinson
Matthew Bea
Valerie Anderson
Lauren Woods

3

Melissa Rodgers
Shannon Woodbury
Renard Jackson
Dontavian Leach
Nayquan Shuller
Akayla Grimes
Erik Cartledge
Donnie Melvin
Tracey Smith
Cheryl Suber
Harvey Furtick
Clarence Portee
Jeri Ver Dier

4

Sherry Barton
Mari Hunt
Gwethalyn Barnes
Augustine Heyward
Chadajah James
Deundray Steele
Janne' T. Ramsey
Deundhray Steele

Tonda Jackson
Arlene Posey
K. Allen Campbell
Alice Bethea
Deidre Duncan
Johnthea Buskey
Donna R. Thomas
Donielle Rice

Birthdays

George Cornelius
Cori Langford
Latecia Cobbs
Megan Freeman
Amira Boykin
Debbie Cain
Whitney McWhorter
Morgan Richardson
Sierra Tolson
Rhonda Ingram
Barbara Weston
Deidre Finley

6

Shu-Yan Dreher
Thersita T. Moses
Sainey Fatty
Emma L. Taylor
Sheba Gaffney
Crystal Hightower
JoAnn Brennan
Derrick Alston
Eugene Burgess
William Jackson
Troy Wilson
Kristina Williams

Tawana Davis
Louis Wisdom
LaTasha Ragin
Dennis Diamond
Duane Murphy
Sheila Myers
Linda Segars
Pascale Jean
Shay-Dixon Young
Camryn Tucker
Dominick Dixon
Tia Cooper
Michelle Boatwright
Timmie Moody
George Holmes
Elizabeth Mendenhall

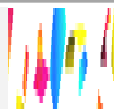
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Kammilyn Moore
Princess Taylor
Mittie Burris
Katina Oxendine
Penny Cheagle
Samaria Fant
Harmonie Frederick
Lionel Kennedy

Cherelle Weston
Doris F. Evans-Tull
Leshia Utsey
Suzanne Standifer
Eugene Tucker
Quiterius Bennon
Doretha Pough
Vera Jackson
Tyler Sims
Quatika Harris
Daria Slater
Shaun Gortman
Jamaal Toliver
LaRhonda Brooks
Ben Tolliver
Zandra Middleton
Vanessa McClintock
Skylor Etheredge
Robin Goldsby
Veronica Golston

7

Freddie Dewitt
Felicia Barnett
Calvin Bright, Sr.
Dorien Johnson
Shaneequah Pinkney



Yvette Sands
Helen York
Willie Frazier
Richard Johnson
Michael Adams
Karl Kenley
Paris Brooks
Artise Irving
Britney McCants
Faustina Boafour
Nontombe Brown
Delores Leonard
Ron Bright
Jeremy McLeod
Alex Marshall
James P. Wilson
Sharese Johnson
Monica Watts
Walter C. Priester

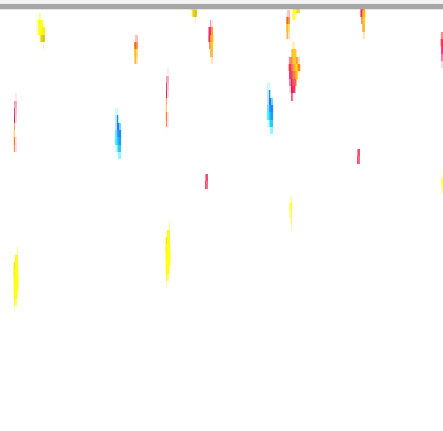
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Danielle Stephens
C. Kelly-Alston
Terri Smith
Shana Lewis
Willie Mae Gillespie
Tanya Edwards
Delores Leonard
Talan Staley

Tigre Ward
Curtis Davis
DeShawn Brady
Reginald Epps
Ralph Rice
Kenneth Guyton
Christian Galliard
Alvin Richburg
Jamie Minick
Mikal Lewis
Natalie Richardson
Ronald Finley
Randolph Hallron
Harold Jones
Pamela S. McCree
Michael K. Tisdale
Carla Tompkins

8

Rodrecus Palmer
Tiffany Funderburk
Robin D. Grace
Norman Venyah
Stacy Garner
Kimberly Williams
Carl Maurice Moses II
Mary Taylor
Aneisa Williams



Birthdays



Sandra Farray
Stan Cummings
Jeremy McMullen
Albertha Burgess
Shelby Kennedy
Octavia Edwards
Oswald Williams
Eleja B. McClerklin
Jacqueline Rich
Lisa Robinson
Valerie Watts

11

Evelyn Hills
Loraine Montgomery
Richaren Davis
Chelsea Davis
Inell Y. Richardson

Mellisa Johnson
Andrea Solomon
Jacoby Seawright
Lisette Brown
Briana Bryant
Helen Everson
Teasia Sims
Willistine Mosley
Aaron Lucas
Fatima Washington
Margaret Washington
Andre Goodwin
Lisa McKnight
Tiffanney Conrad

14

Terrell Roach
Tyrone Pugh
Kimberly Sherrill
Lance Blair
Sherman Porterfield
Sherina Bailey
Keandra Smith
Thomas M. Ware

Angel Garrett
Sarah Small
Tynisha Bennon
Mi'Kayla Lazenby
Tiffany Williamson
Brandon Polk
Margie Seabrook
LeKeisha Caulder
Florenia Barton
Stacia Davis
Pamela Gallion
Pamela Stansberry
Bernard Johnson
Alex Wright
Ruthie Gadson
Niquelle G. Jett
Adrien McMackins

12

Bijan Hunter
Chad Riley
Eboni Huggins
Willie Mae Austin
Mary Reed
Johnny McDuffie
Margaret Mack
Willie Cooley
Jerome Scott
Audriaana Barnes
Tracey Belcher
Jerome Scott

Charles Graham
James E. Goodwin
Darrien Davis
LaDoris Williams
Sarah Jefferson
Linda Jenkins
Dennis Reid
Kaya Wilson
McKenzie Rogers
Regina Matthews
Ken Hooks
Tylin Moody
Racheal Wardley
Domineke Vereen
Gale Gibson
Ayla Haskell
Henry Jones
Shimika Burgess
Kristopher Jones
Raven Barnes

15

Priscilla Metze
Angela Williams
Marlon Nelson
Iris Haygood
Titus Graham
Sydney Brown
Emery Gary
Jilliam Beam
Emery Gary
Marcus Holley
Jalyn Patterson

Farrah Manner
Geraldine E. Nelson
Howard Frazier
Vincent McClerklin
Sonya Jenkins
Sharon Robinson
Minnie Mayfield
Marie L. Brown
Shirley A. King
Betty Missouri
Vaneisha Dyer
Elise Lee
Zakiyyah Ali
Cynthia Simmons
Agnes Perez-Davis
Ashley Young
Andrea Cannon

13

Chaneyra Richbow
Sammie Garrett
Lyla Ford
Rastapari Hailstock
Gretta Moody

All birthdays listed are generated through the church membership database.

If you find any errors in the listings or if you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the Church Office at the West Campus at (803) 796-7525 or the Northeast Campus at (803) 753-0610.



Birthdays

Tara Thompson
Dorian Huutcherson
Marcella Herrin
Nicholas Gibson-Harper
Christy Chinn
Noelle Jackson
Agatha Hall
Yulysees Dreher
Timothy Roundtree
Wallace McCants
Marlene Al-Barwwani
Jamal Richardson

16
Terrance Robinson
Kris Finley
Jarvae Mims
Ebony Young
Virgil Brown
Sharon Williams
Monique Henderson
Jeffrey Gordon
Jerry Garrett
Linda Cooper

Samahra Feemster
Bre-yuana Townsend
Orlando DeMoss
Karen McPherson
Bessie Rankin
Baron Davis
India Narciso
Detravivus Ervin
Tyrone Rouse
Donna Moses

20
Theo Kennedy
Arthuree Woodberry
Ronald I. Best
Sherry Williams
Teresa T. Smith
Zakiya Mickle
Sandra Brock
Delphia Taylor
Samuel Jiles



Georgia McKeive
Tessie Smith
Leroy Tyson
Timothy Taylor
Mary K. Simmons
John Austin
Joseph Watson
Amber Graham
Arther Roberson
Teresa McDuffie
Al Hall

17
Tameisha Higgins
Ronnie Sanders
Warren Tyler
Shauna Rhett
AhTyrie Anderson
Agnes Merrian
Tammy Gillings
Patricia J. Hill

Tariq Byrd

Marva Hickson
Betty Melvin
Marian Oglesby
Robin Belgrave
Stacy Martin
Carolyn Paige
Sharounda Brown
LaTasha Cooper
Sarah Doctor-Greenwade
Tracy Huston
James Burgess
Desiree McCray
Taylor Ferguson
Ryacus Dean
Nakeisha McCoy

21

Tyra Seawright
Doris Brown
Vivian Martin
Shavay Betts
Jennifer Lee
Rhonda Dolby
Demeatrice Oveton
Louise Kemoh
Katresha Warren
Kenneth Harrison

Carlina White
Morgan Cannon
Chelita Wood
Kristy Williams
Helen Sheard
Francis Roberts
Sheshonya Matthews
Aniya Neal
Shamara Evans
Cynthia Cooper
Kellie Yates
Vincent Gatlin
Kurtissa Johnson
Bobby Zito
Mae Blackmon
Dexter Ashford
Kandace Hopkins
Shelia Dodd
Victoria Randolph
Naomi Garnett
Harold Brooker

18
Ethel Suber
Debra Boston
Curtis Doughty
Betty Jeffcoat
Robert Rineart
Audrey Houston
Patricia Richardson
William Tyson
Jacqueline Brown
Shelia McCray
Jeanette Samuels
Toshia Addison
Jerome Brown
Calvin Bright, Jr.
Jerome Brown
Shaunte' Gaskins
Kandace Hopkins
Shianicaus Simmons

Jeannie Carter
Sheryl Smith
Debra Gooding
Tabari Jordan
William Harper
Ronald Moore
Lavoiaad Wilson
Teresa Garner
Carol Cook
Nena McKay
Georgiaree Godfrey
Octavious Pringle
Justice Stewart
Kimberly Byrd
Michael Priestler
Eric Jordan
Franklin A. Moses

22

Peggy Makins
Rosiland M. Rice
Alicia Gibson
Brandon Gouridine
Tarla Green
Kimberly Counts
Latella Pinckney
Amber Curry
Joydan S. Foust
Jacqueline Patterson

Ella Hiller
Shawn Blake
Renna Brown
Christopher Streater
Debora Carter
Calvin Elam
Tyron Seawright
Bernice Johnson

19
Antoinette Wright
Chris Kohn
Mary Moore
Trina Jacobs
Lenita Stovall
Kimwana Curry
Thomas Daniels



Birthdays

13

Ken Martin
Leroy Hunt
Ronda L. Fryar
Washington Sumter
Benjamin Williams, III
Marilyn Spells
DaNatia Mansel
Dwight Jackson

23

Shannan Bonaparte
Aria Robertson
Ariana Wilkes
Kiersten Gary
Mary Meyers
Jenkins Ervin
Lindsay N. Ewell
Mary Meyers

Dean Webb
Sandra Johnson
LsRoydia Sanders
Cheryl Benjamin

27

Kaelyn Hartwell
LaWanda Jenkins
Keshawn Beaty

Cory Kohn
Martha B. Johnson
Merry Fredericks
Beatrice Peterson
Breanna Casapit
Tamikey Drew
Sandra Grant
Kellye Mace
Shoka Alston
Latisha Grice

24

Lisa Coleman
Valerie Young
John L Elmore
Beatrice Bates
Michael Williams
Tiaa Booker
Kwane Welcher
Shoka Alston
Martha Johnson
Lisa Coleman

Sherry Jackson
Darron Delancy
Jasmine Jones
Isaiah Drake
Tara Bines
Damarcus Mack
Marion Rush
Shanee' Richardson
Niema Phillips
Talisa Montgomery
LaTasha Johnson
Marcus Miller

28

Latisha Washington
Jeff Lackey
Isaac Harris
Brenton G. Brown
Owen C. Belton
Terrence Leggette
Tywana Dawkins
Drusilla Harris
Jackie Abney
Laurin Shaw
Natarcia Bloomfield

Kedwrick Miles
Charlie Garrett
Artesha Parker
Rosalyn Johnson
Charles Jackson
Bonita D. Clemons
Lisa Miller
Rosalyn W. McCrea
Horace Grant
Sharon Jamison
Crystal Tolliver

25

Holly Johnson
James Goldwire
David Moore
Danyelle Miller
Lula Zeigler
Jeremy Long
Terrainio Cunningham
Dorie White
Tia Geiger
Joel Nuhu
Jamillan Davis

Sylvia Brown
Katie Riley
Jamila Washington
David Tillman
Dana Barnes
Kevin Washington
LaKarsha Mack
Brandi Washington
Melvin Henry
Karen Johnson
Michella Troy

29

Priscilla Smith
Jacqueline Bratcher
Jasmine Gantt
Vinez Lyde
Roosevelt Robinson
Preston Blackman
Calia Priestler
Martina Davenport
Dennis Dudley

Cecil Hopkins
Erica Werts
Clarissa Holloway
Jennifer Gardner
Curtaris Dickerson
Deaundra Boykin
Randy Boston
Gary Brooks
Davondra Holliday
Amber Stanley
Rowana Thomas
Gabrielle Baker

30

Brittany Anderson
Dwayne Martin
Gregory Kinard
Sonya Farrow
Phyllis Copeland
Javier Harper
Ebony McCoy
Kerry Strong
Larry Jacobs, Jr.

Devon Whetstone
Sierra Evans
Shawna Hughes
Essence Gidron
Weldon Wallace
Brandon Graham
Jeryl Graham
Charles Cherry
Teshawna Sutton
Diann Williams
Kayshawn James
Steven Mims
Jannet Thompson

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Jasmine Shears
Alicia Brooks
Micah Dickerson
Joyce Riley
Sandra-Ellerbe Watson
Cindy Jackson -
Washington
Alfreda Mitichell
Perry Fulton
Van W Johnson
Christian Tyler
Kristin Richardson
Christian Tyler

Kimberly Shuford
Antonio Peterson
Jacqueline Manigault-Rice
Maurice Moultrie
Chris Truesdale
Necole Stinson
Deloris M. Brown
Rose Parson
Willie Washington
Matthew Busby
Breana Marshall
Karnell Gleaton
Raekwon Sims
J. Rudolph-Ravenell
Titus Glover

31

Vera Burkett
Kala Canzater
James Flowers
Barry Leveretter
Unique McCutchen
Latonya Cox
Darion Hutcherson
Arenda Thomas
Maleah Patterson
Whitney Denton
Melissa A. Felder
Gregory Barner

Major Kennedy
Selena M. Pickens
Liz Deas
Sanquanetta Coleman
Pamela R. Green
Maya Leach
Virgie Bell

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Monet' Hill
Troy Davis
Sylvia Day
Cynthia Taylor
Shermarco Goodgame
Courtney Williams
Shonna Munson
John Matthews

Christmas Word Search

H	A	M	J	T	F	G	H	M	H	O	P	E	H
G	N	I	O	J	F	T	H	G	I	R	B	H	E
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MANGER
 JOY
 HOPE
 REDEEMER
 JESUS
 WISE MEN
 JOSEPH
 GOLD
 EMMANUEL
 CHRISTMAS
 MYRRH
 LOVE
 KING
 NATIVITY
 GIFTS
 BETHLEHEM
 BRIGHT
 HOLY
 DIVINE
 FAITH
 ANGELS
 STAR
 MARY

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BROOKLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTHEAST

DEALING
WITH
Grief
DURING THE
HOLIDAYS

FACILITATED BY:
Pastor Chris Leevy Johnson

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024
@ 7 P.M.



BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH NE

1203 SUMMIT PARKWAY • COLUMBIA, SC 29223



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

MAIN CAMPUS AT NOON

SPEECHES AND CREATIVE PRAISE PRESENTATIONS

MUSIC, SONGS, DANCE, SPOKEN WORD, POETRY

FOR CHRISTMAS SPEECHES TO BE PRESENTED VIA RECORDING
OR IN PERSON, OR OTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
MRS. CASSANDRA CONYERS RUSH AT
CASSANDRACONYERS208@GMAIL.COM



JB Adams Senior's

Holiday SNEAKER Ball

Dec. 13th
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Bogan Hall
1218 Batchelor Street
West Columbia, SC 29169



Semi-Formal Attire

Member Tickets - \$10

Non-Member Tickets - \$25

For tkts and additional information contact
Rhonda Jones @ (803) 477-7806 or email: rjones@brookland.cc

Dinner, Dancing and Entertainment



Photo Opps

Designed by Bernie (718) 443-6609



BROOKLAND-LAKEVIEW'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING INITIATIVE MAKING A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE

The Mental Health Awareness Training Initiative at Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) is making inroads to addressing the mental health situation in Lexington and Richland counties and other communities in the Midlands of South Carolina based on the number of annual participants.

Since its implementation, the initiative has been providing desperately needed training resources and delivering eight-hour evidence-based mental health training sessions to no fewer than 250 individuals annually. The goal is to build an effective cohort of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) responders in the community.

The MHFA trainings are offered at no cost to participants. Since 2022, the BLEC has trained over 800 persons in either Adult MHFA or Youth MHFA.

"We are very proud that our Mental Health Awareness Training Initiative is making a difference in the various communities we serve," said Dr. Cindye Richburg Cotton, BLEC executive director. "We are also thankful for a dedicated and committed staff who is ensuring the goals of the initiative are achieved."

Reverend Dr. Jeffrey A. Howard is the project coordinator for the initiative and takes his responsibilities seriously.

"It is critically important that the public is aware of mental health issues and the potential challenges faced by families impacted by mental illness," Dr. Howard said.

The statistics are alarming. Suicide rates in South Carolina increased 19 percent between 2009 and 2018, growing from 13.4 to 15.9 deaths per 100,000 population. To address these figures, the initiative has a three-prong approach.

First, it provides mental health first aid for adults with the skills to identify and respond to signs of mental health and substance use issues among other adults. Participants learn how to recognize early signs of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, psychosis, and addictions, and how to provide initial support.

Second, youth mental health first aid equips adults, including parents, teachers, and caregivers, with the tools to support adolescents aged 12-18 facing mental health challenges or crises. Participants learn about common mental health issues in youth, such as anxiety, depression, and eating disorders, along with typical adolescent development. The training emphasizes a 5-step action plan for assisting young people in crisis and non-crisis situations.

Third, mental health first aid for teens teaches teens in grades 10-12, or ages 15-18, the skills to recognize and respond to mental health and substance use issues among their peers. The training is designed to empower teens with awareness and actionable steps, conducted in-person through six 45-minute sessions or three 90-minute sessions.

For more information about the mental health first aid trainings, please contact Dr. Jeffrey Howard at 803-744-1961 (Office) or 803-445-7548 (Mobile) or by email at jhoward@brookland.cc.

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